

**§ 90.37 Rescue organizations.**

(a) *Eligibility.* Persons or organizations operating a rescue squad are eligible to hold authorizations to operate radio stations for transmission of messages pertaining to the safety of life or property and urgent messages necessary for the rendition of an efficient emergency rescue service.

(b) *Class and number of stations available.* Each rescue squad will normally be authorized to operate one base station, and a number of mobile units (excluding hand carried mobile units) not exceeding the number of vehicles actually used in emergency rescue operations. In addition, each rescue squad will be authorized to operate a number of hand carried mobile units not exceeding two such units for each radio equipped vehicle actually used in emergency rescue operations.

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**§ 90.38 Physically handicapped.**

(a) *Eligibility.* (1) Any person having a hearing deficiency such that average hearing threshold levels are 90 dB above ANSI (American National Standards Institute) 1969 or ISO (International Standards Organization) 1964 levels and such other persons who submit medical certification of similar hearing deficiency.

(2) Any person having visual acuity corrected to no better than 20/200 in the better eye or having a field of vision of less than 20 degrees.

(3) Any person, who, through loss of limbs or motor function, is confined to a wheelchair, or is nonambulatory.

(4) Any person actively awaiting an organ transplant.

(5) Parents or guardians of persons under 18 years eligible under (1), (2), (3), or institutions devoted to the care or training of those persons.

(b) *Special eligibility showing.* The initial application from a person claiming eligibility under paragraph (a) shall be accompanied by a statement from a physician attesting to the condition of the applicant or the applicant's child (or ward in case of guardianship).

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**§ 90.39 Veterinarians.**

(a) *Eligibility.* A veterinarian, veterinary clinic, or a school of veterinary medicine is eligible to hold authorizations to operate radio stations for the transmission of messages pertaining to the care and treatment of animals.

(b) *Class and number of stations available.* Each licensee may be authorized to operate one base station and two mobile units. Additional base stations or mobile units will be authorized only on a showing of need.

**§ 90.41 Disaster relief organizations.**

(a) *Eligibility.* Organizations established for disaster relief purposes having an emergency radio communications plan are eligible to hold authorizations to operate radio stations for the transmission of communications relating to the safety of life or property, the establishment and maintenance of temporary relief facilities, and the alleviation of the emergency situation during periods of actual or impending emergency, or disaster, and until substantially normal conditions are restored.

(b) *Special eligibility showing.* The initial application from a disaster relief organization shall be accompanied by a copy of the charter or other authority under which the organization was established and a copy of its communications plan. The plan shall fully describe the operation of the radio facilities and describe the method of intergration into other communications facilities which normally would be available to assist in the alleviation of the emergency condition.

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**§ 90.43 School buses.**

(a) *Eligibility.* Persons or organizations operating school buses on a regular basis over regular routes are eligible to hold authorizations to operate radio stations for the transmission of messages pertaining to either the efficient operation of the school bus service or the safety or general welfare of the students they are engaged in transporting.

(b) *Class and number of stations available.* Each school bus operator may be

authorized to operate one base station and a number of mobile units not in excess of the total of the number of buses and maintenance vehicles regularly engaged in the school bus operation. Additional base stations or mobile units will be authorized only in exceptional circumstances when the applicant can show a specific need.

#### **§90.45 Beach Patrols.**

(a) *Eligibility.* Persons or organizations operating beach patrols having responsibility for life-saving activities are eligible to hold authorizations to operate radio stations for the transmission of messages required for the safety of life or property.

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#### **§90.47 Establishment in isolated areas.**

(a) *Eligibility.* Persons or organizations maintaining establishment in isolated areas where public communications facilities are not available and where the use of radio is the only feasible means of establishing communication with a center of population, or other point from which emergency assistance might be obtained if needed, are eligible to hold authorizations to operate radio stations for the transmission of messages only during an actual or impending emergency endangering life, health or property for the transmission of essential communications arising from the emergency. The transmission of routine or non-emergency communications is strictly prohibited.

(b) *Special eligibility showing.* The initial application requesting a station authorization for an establishment in an isolated area shall be accompanied by a statement describing the status of public communication facilities in the area of the applicant's establishment; the results of any attempts the applicant may have made to obtain public communication service, and; in the event radio communications service is to be furnished under subparagraph (d)(2) of this section, a copy of the agreement involved must be submitted.

(c) *Class and number of stations available.* Persons or organizations in this category may be authorized to operate not more than one fixed station at any

isolated establishment and not more than one fixed station in a center of population.

(d) *Communication service rendered and received.* (1) The licensee of a station at any establishment in an isolated area shall make the communication facilities of such station available at no charge to any person desiring the transmission of any communication permitted by paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) For the purpose of providing the communications link desired the licensee of a station at an establishment in an isolated area either may be the licensee of a similar station at another location or may obtain communication service under a mutual agreement from the licensee of any station in the Public Safety or Special Emergency Radio Services or any other station which is authorized to communicate with the special emergency fixed station.

#### **§90.49 Communications standby facilities.**

(a) *Eligibility.* A communications common carrier operating communications circuits that normally carry essential communication of such a nature that their disruption would endanger life or public property is eligible to hold authorizations for standby radio facilities for the transmission of messages only during periods when the normal circuits are inoperative due to circumstances beyond the control of the user. During such periods the radio facilities may be used to transmit any communication which would be carried by the regular circuit.

(b) *Special eligibility showing.* Initial applications for authorization to operate a standby radio facility must include a statement describing radio communication facilities desired, the proposed method of operation, a description of the messages normally being carried, and an explanation of how their disruption will endanger life or public property.

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#### **§90.51 Emergency repair of public communications facilities.**

(a) *Eligibility.* Communications common carriers are eligible in this service